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Fault Isolation On Network
Loops

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
JANUARY 3, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of January 3, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as indicated below.